



## September 2019 – Newsletter 3

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Whole School (excluding Nursery)
94%	95%	97%	99%	98%	100% ★	98%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

### CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

This week our Nursery children have started their full attendance pattern and have been amazing! Reception children have painted self-portraits this week and enjoyed playing in the outdoor area. Year 1 children are currently on their local walking tour and learned all about the changes Gosforth has seen during living memory. Thank you to Colin Tait, from St Nicholas Church, for leading their tour. Year 3 have written letters to Mr Wonka and Year 4 have researched the natural resources of the UK.

Year 4 are very excited about their residential visit next week (as are the staff!).



### TAPESTRY

A gentle reminder to Nursery and Reception parents to activate their Tapestry accounts please! If you have any problems, please let Mrs Francis or Miss Wilkinson know! Tapestry enables you to see your child's learning and progress and share their learning at home.

### FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

Linked to Worship this week, we have continued to explore what is good and how to challenge what is not. We have talked about our values and virtues by which we live and how to serve the common good.

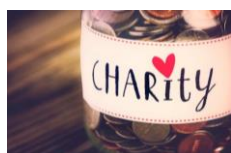


### READING WITH ATTITUDE

Just a reminder that children have question prompts in their Reading Records (also attached to this Newsletter) to support parents and carers in asking comprehension questions after reading. We hope you find them useful.

### FUNDRAISING

This morning, the children were introduced to the "Sportivater" event in school and have today brought home their sponsorship forms to give to family, friends and neighbours. Thank you in advance for your support with this. We are really looking forward to using money raised to enrich our playground games equipment.



### CHARITABLE GIVING

In the past, parents have asked that we support the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal, which has been going on for almost 30 years. The shops are already displaying their Christmas stock and our thoughts turn to those who are less fortunate. As you know, these boxes go to children who have little in the way of material gifts. In

2018 Operation Christmas Child delivered more than 510,000 boxes from Britain to needy children in 11 different countries and almost 5,000 of them came from the Newcastle area.

Although the collection of the boxes does not take place until 11<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> November, many like to start collecting for their boxes early. If you require additional information, you can go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/operation-christmas-child>



### HARVEST

At 9:00am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Year 3 will lead our Harvest Service for Years 1-4, linked to their class topic of chocolate and fair trade. Parents and Carers of all children are invited to attend so please join us if you are able to.

In addition to this we are, once again, taking donations for The People's Kitchen. They are currently seeking the following donations:

<b>Cooking ingredients</b>	e.g. sugar, flour, dried rice, ground white pepper, brown sauce, cooking sauces, mixed spice, gravy granules
<b>Main Meals</b>	e.g. tinned meat
<b>Drinks</b>	e.g. coffee, tea, dilute orange juice, hot chocolate
<b>Breakfast</b>	e.g. boxes of cereal
<b>Puddings</b>	e.g. tinned or instant custard, tinned rice, tinned fruit, jams, syrup, long life milk
<b>Tinned veg</b>	e.g. mixed veg, peas, butter beans, potatoes
<b>Soup</b>	e.g. any tinned soups
<b>Toiletries</b>	e.g. deodorants, shower gel, shampoo, shave gel
<b>Clothing</b>	e.g. new tracksuit bottoms, t-shirts, socks, hats, gloves, jumpers, jackets, sleeping bags
<b>Household</b>	e.g. J cloths, pan scrubs, non-scented washing powder, kitchen roll

Please send any donations into school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Thank you!

### WORLDS BIGGEST COFFEE AFTERNOON

Year 4 are hosting a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer Care on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm- 4pm. We would be grateful of any cake donations (on Friday morning). We would be grateful if you could spread the word and invite your friends and families! We look forward to seeing you then!



### PLEASE DISMOUNT!

May we politely remind parents and children that bikes and scooters are not to be ridden in the playground, before or after school? As you know, the playground can be a busy place and we would like to avoid any further collisions. Thank you!

### WHAT TO EXPECT

This document, created by Action For Children with the Department of Education, has been very helpful in the past to guide parents through where their children's learning and development is within the Early Years Foundation Stage. The document is on the school website for your information.



### PARENT COUNCIL

On Monday, our Parent Council met for the second time. Minutes are now on the website. The next meeting will be held at 11:00am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. You can email our Parent Council directly on [parentcouncil.archbishoppruncie@gmail.com](mailto:parentcouncil.archbishoppruncie@gmail.com)

## TABLE MANNERS

Over the last couple of weeks in school, we have had push on showing good table manners in the hall at lunchtime. This has included:

- Holding our knives and forks correctly
- Cutting up food into bitesize pieces
- Talking quietly
- Not talking with our mouth full



We would be really grateful if you could reinforce these skills at home please. We have also had to remind lots of children to drink their drink with their meal and have reminded them of the importance of drinking regularly throughout the day.

Reception children have really impressed Miss Wilkinson with their table manners this week- well done!



## CHILDRENS CHOICE LUNCH

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Mrs Battista is cooking a children's choice lunch of Pizza with chips for staff and children. It would be fantastic if as many children as possible had a school lunch on this day.

## CHURCH NEWS

St Nicholas' Church have installed Rev Jane Natrass as the new Vicar from 5<sup>th</sup> December. We are looking forward to meeting her!



## BREAKFAST CLUB

After October half term, Mrs Brown and Mrs Battista will be opening Breakfast Club at 7:45am. In addition, they are happy to apply a more flexible booking system where ad-hoc places can be booked via e-mail directly to Mrs Brown ([gemma.brown@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:gemma.brown@archbishop.newcastle.sch.uk)). Mrs Brown will keep a register of attendance and invites sent out at the end of each half term.

## CHOIR

As you know, Mrs Lavin now leads Choir during a Thursday lunchtime for children in Years 3 & 4. This week it was really well attended which is fabulous. There is no need to book a place, children can just come along, but Mrs Lavin does expect weekly commitment from the children (so if they come, they need to come each week)! It would be great to keep up this week's success and build a fantastic school choir.



## DEFIBRILLATOR

For your information, our school has a defibrillator, located in the school office.

As always, if you have anything that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With my very best wishes,

*Mrs KE Massey*

Headteacher





## “Love to learn, learn to love”

1 Corinthians 16:13

### Dates for your Diary

New dates are in red, for your information.

Date	Event	Additional Notes
<b>September 2019</b>		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Nursery children start their full hours	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00am Parent Council Meeting	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9:00am Nursery Welcome Meeting for Parents	Please come along for curriculum information, to see the classroom and to meet the Class Teacher
	Y1 walking tour of Gosforth	No cost. Please email Miss Young if you are able to help.
	Sportivater Assembly for children	See info in Newsletter 2
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	9:00am Reading & Phonics Workshop for Reception Parents	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 Residential to Dukes House Wood	See info from Parents Welcome Meeting for further info
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 Visit to Quayside	Parent helpers needed please
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan World Biggest Coffee Afternoon 2:00pm (hosted by Year 4 children)	Cake donations gratefully received. Please come along at 2:00pm for a child free coffee or after school with your child(ren). All welcome!
	St Nicholas' Church Beer Festival	Funds raised will go to our school and the Peoples Kitchen
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	St Nicholas' Church Beer Festival 2:00-5:00pm Children's Craft activities	
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10:00am St Nicholas' Church Harvest Service followed by a ploughman's lunch and refreshments	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Safeguarding Training for all parent helpers/volunteers in school/Reading Buddies	9:00am and 5:00pm
<b>October 2019</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Children choice school lunch- all children encouraged to have a school dinner today	Please pay on ParentMail
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9:00am Harvest Worship, led by Year 3	All welcome!
	Sportivater event	More info to follow
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening <b>Rec- Year 4</b>	Book appointments via ParentMail from September
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening <b>Rec- Year 4</b>	Book appointments via ParentMail from September
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	GST Teach Meet GST Directors' Meeting	

	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Parents Evening- <b>NEW DATE</b> 6:00pm-8:00pm GCMS Open Evening	Invitations from GCMS to follow
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Photographer in school	Forms were sent home via bookbags
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception children National Measurements Programme	
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Gosforth Band 9:30 Reception eye tests in school	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Y1 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9:00am Parent Workshop for all Reading Buddies/ to support reading at home	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Nursery & Reception Story Party in school	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Governors Ethos Cttee Y4 Go Green Performance 2:30pm Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Operation Encompass Sessions for Years 3 & 4 children 1-3pm and drop in session for parents and other community members, after school.	Parent drop in 3:00-4:00pm – No appointments required
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Staff & Governor Training Day	School closed to children
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwali	
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Midday deadline for Middle School applications for September 2020	<a href="http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October- Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term holiday	
<b>November 2019</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	GEM Education delivering Computing sessions in school to Y1-4	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am Number Workshop for Reception parents	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	9:00am Remembrance Worship, led by Year 4 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be dropped off at collection points	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Sniffs	Info has now been sent to parents and carers.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	Children invited to wear something spotty for a suggested donation of £1
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9:00am Parent Workshop for all Reading Buddies/ parents & carers to support reading at home	Please come along
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Worship led by Year 2 Christmas decorations up in school Nativity costume requests sent home	All welcome! We would love some help from parents please!
<b>December 2019</b>		

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting for January intake	
	Chris Bostock (storyteller) for Nursery and Reception children	Please pay via ParentMail
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Please bring nativity costumes to school	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y4 Multiskills festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Suggested donation of £1
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm KS2 Nativity (1)	2 tickets per family will be able to be booked via ParentMail from November.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	2:00pm EYFS Nativity (1)	
	5:30pm KS1 Nativity (1)	
	6:30pm KS2 Nativity (2)	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am EYFS Nativity (2)	
	2:00pm KS1 Nativity (2)	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	No Taekwondo	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party	Children only- please sign up to bring food
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10:00-12:00 Pantomime for Nursery- Year 4 at	Children we return to school for lunch before the Carol Service
	Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church	Years 1-4 attending. Children will be dismissed from Church after the service if parents are in attendance.
	EYFS Party	Children only- please sign up to bring food
<b>January 2020</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Prospective Reception Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
15 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3/4 Computing with GEM Education	
	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
	Midday deadline for Reception class applications for September 2020	<a href="http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Children's Choice Lunch	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Road Safety sessions for Nursery, Reception and Year 1	
	EYFS Opposites Day	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year celebrations in school	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	5:00pm Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	9:00am Managing children's behaviour workshop for parents	
<b>February 2020</b>		
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	2:00pm Reception "Stay & Play"	Reception parents invited
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Activities in school
	Parents Evening	
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Love is... Worship, led by Year 1	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	International World Thinking Day	Cubs, Beavers, Brownies, Rainbows invited to wear uniforms.
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent Worship, led by Year 4	
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
<b>March 2020</b>		
2-6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week in school	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children invited to dress as a book character
9-13 March	British Science Week	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Purim	Activities in school
	Prospective Nursery Parent visits 4:00pm	Please book a place via the school office
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Persian New Year	Activities in school
	9:00am Year 1-4 Mothers' Day Service	One member of each family invited to attend
	2:30pm EYFS Mothers' Day Service	One member of each family invited to attend
	Closing date for Nursery applications for Sept 2020	
	Gosforth Voices Tour	Performance in all GST school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Water Day	
	Y3 & Y4 visit to Durham	More info to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Full Governing Body Meeting	
	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery visit to Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00 SATs Meeting for Year 2 Parents	
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	5:00pm New Nursery Parents Meeting, for children starting after Easter	
<b>April 2020</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery Parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Autism Awareness Day	Activities in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Shakespeare Day	Activities in school
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline to accept Nursery places in school	
<b>May 2020</b>		
May 2020	SATs for Year 2 children	Year 2 children must be in school please
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Wesak (Buddhist)	Activities in school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Phonics Screen Workshop for Year 1 Parents	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Christian Aid Worship, led by Year 2	All welcome!
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	2:00pm Reception Stay & Play	Reception Parents invited
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	GST Teach Meet	Staff only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Ascension Day Worship, led by Year 3	All welcome!
	World Day for Cultural Diversity	Activities in school
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	GST Daft Day	Children invited to wear something "daft". Suggested donation £1.
	Eid activities in school.	
Monday 2 <sup>th</sup> May- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term	
<b>June 2020</b>		

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	GST Staff Training Day	School closed to children
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	2:30pm Pentecost Worship, led by Year 4	
	Year 1 Phonics Screen assessment	Year 1 children must be in school please
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Roy Lawson visiting Years 3 & 4	More info to follow
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parents Meeting for children starting Nursery in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Meeting for children starting Reception class in September 2020	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth Band	3:45-4:45pm at Archibald First School
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Big Gig all day (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band) Best of British theme	Northumbria Sports Central
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Gosforth Voices	3:45-4:45pm at Grange First School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 visit to Vindolanda	More info to follow
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Pyramid Concert (Gosforth Voices & Gosforth Band)	4:00pm Rehearsal 6:15pm at Trinity Church
<b>July 2020</b>		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play	Nursery parents invited
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y4 Bikeability all day	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reports out	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1/2 Sports Day	Parents Invited
	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Drop in for parents	No need to book an appointment
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Pm EYFS Sports Day	Parents invited
	Full Governing Body Meeting	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Team Games festival at Walker Dome 1:00-2:45pm	Children may be slightly late returning to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Cakes in the Courtyard	All helpers and volunteers invited!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9:00 Year 4 Leavers' Service	
	End of term picnic lunch for staff and children	Please pay via ParentMail
	Picnic in the Playground	3:15-4:15pm
	School closes for Summer	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	School reopens to pupils.	

**“Love to learn, learn to love”**

**Colossians 3:23-24**





**31 October  
2019** (midday)

Deadline to apply for middle, secondary or high school places for September 2020

**15 January  
2020** (midday)

Deadline to apply for reception class places for September 2020

[www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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# MEASLES

**Don't let your child catch it**  
- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine


- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising.
- Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible.\*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

\*In response to a local outbreak then the two doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



**immunisation**  
the safest way to protect your child

Some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine are listed on the back of this leaflet



## Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

### Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

### When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at three years and four months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with two doses one month apart.

### Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to six weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the three diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

### Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles two doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to  
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)

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Immunisation Information

## Question prompts to promote inference, deduction and responding to literature

	<i>Dimension 1 (relationship with the text)</i>	<i>Dimension 2 (relationship with the author)</i>
<b>Characters</b> (people, animals, toys...)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ How do you think the character felt when...? Why?</li> <li>☆ What do you think the character will do when...? Why?</li> <li>☆ What would you have done in the same situation? Why?</li> <li>☆ Is the main character believable? Why/why not?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ What similar (or different) experiences have you had? How did that help you to understand the character?</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author decided to give... (the character) spare this kind of personality?</li> <li>☆ How did the author help you to get to know the main character? (Through actions? What he/she said? Description?)</li> </ul>
<b>Setting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Where does the story take place?</li> <li>☆ What was the place like?</li> <li>☆ Have you ever been to a place like it? Tell us about it.</li> <li>☆ When did the story take place? (Is it in the future? Is it happening now? Did it happen long ago?)</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the setting was appropriate?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ How do you think the author was able to describe the setting in that way?</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author chose this setting?</li> <li>☆ Do you think the author may have lived in or known a place like this? Why?</li> </ul>
<b>Plot</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ What were the main things that happened in the story?</li> <li>☆ How did you feel when... happened?</li> <li>☆ Were you able to guess what was going to happen? What helped you to guess that?</li> <li>☆ What do you think was the most important part of the story for you? Why?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Why do you think the author left this information until the last chapter?</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author decided to... (sequence the events in that way? use a 'flash-back'?)</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author chose... (particular event) as one of the key events in the story?</li> <li>☆ Do you think... (experience) might have happened to the author? Why do you think so?</li> <li>☆ What did the author have to know in order to write about that?</li> </ul>
<b>Theme</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Is there one 'big idea' in this book? What is it?</li> <li>☆ What does the book tell us about... (prejudice, equality, humour, family life, relationships, survival, personal journeys...)?</li> <li>☆ This book is about..., but what else is it about?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ Do you think the author has suffered as a result of... (prejudice, inequality, etc) Why do you think so?</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author chose to write about this theme?</li> <li>☆ What message was the author wanting to communicate?</li> </ul>
<b>Mood/Style</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ How did you feel while reading? Why?</li> <li>☆ How did your feelings change as you read the book?</li> <li>☆ What did you think was the funniest (saddest) part? Why?</li> <li>☆ What special words does the author use to help you hear things in the story?...see things in the story?...feel things in the story?</li> <li>☆ What pictures has the book left in your mind?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ How was the author able to make you feel...?</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author wanted to make you feel that way?</li> <li>☆ What kind of person do you think the author is? Why?</li> <li>☆ Why do you think the author chose to write in this...(mood, style, genre)?</li> </ul>



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Dear Parents/Carers

In the near future you will be making decisions about the next stage of your child's education. This term the Local Education Authority will provide you with information about the schools in Newcastle and you will be asked to make a choice.

For some parents that decision may be very straightforward. You may already have a son or daughter attending a middle school and you would wish this pattern of schooling to be continued. For other parents your child currently in Year 4 may be your oldest or only child. In this case it is possible that you have had little contact with our school and may be uncertain as to what decision you should make.

To help parents who have little first-hand knowledge of our school, we are providing the opportunity to visit Gosforth Central Middle School on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. During this evening, you and your child will be able to meet the staff, tour the school and experience some of the learning activities on offer in year 5 and beyond.

Even if you do know the school well, this is still a good opportunity to visit so that your child has an early view of middle school. All parents whose children gain a place will have the opportunity to visit the school in early July and children will spend a full transition day with us in their last term of Year 4 before transferring to Year 5 in September 2020.

We very much look forward to welcoming you and your child soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Webb  
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